

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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ONE-PIECE GASTRIC BAND

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2011, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows.